

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Annex VI to the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty (Treaty Doc. No. 111–2).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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West-Breuer-Varney Nominations—Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 20, 2009, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Tony West, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Lanny A. Breuer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and Christine Anne Varney, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and vote on confirmation of the nominations; provided that prior to each vote, there be 2 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled in the usual form; provided further, that each vote following the first be 10 minutes in duration.

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Hill Nomination—Cloture Agreement: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, April 2, 2009, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, April 20, 2009, following the disposition of the nominations specified in a previous order for Monday, April 20, 2009, and that there be 20 minutes of debate, equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years; United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the Asian Development Bank; United States Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Jane Holl Lute, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

Karen Gordon Mills, of Maine, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

John Berry, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.

James N. Miller, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Richard Rahul Verma, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs).

Esther Brimmer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs).

Karl Winfrid Eikenberry, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Melanne Verveer, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador at Large for Women's Global Issues.

W. Scott Gould, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Alexander Vershbow, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Rose Eilene Gottemoeller, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Verification and Compliance).

James W. Miller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Kathleen A. Merrigan, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

Joe Leonard, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

(Prior to this action, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration.)

22 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Andre M. Davis, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Gerard E. Lynch, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Krysta Harden, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Jo-Ellen Darcy, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.